

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the current application. Claims 1, 2, 13, and 14 have been amended.

The Examiner objects to the term "substantially exclusively". Applicant maintains that the term is not unclear, but has nevertheless amended the claim language in conformance with the Examiner's objections.

The present invention has the construction wherein the one of two hydraulic shock absorbers at right and left of a wheel has a compression side damping force generating structure, and the other has an expansion side damping force generating structure. On the other hand, the cited reference of JP 64-41495 has the construction wherein just one hydraulic shock absorber has both of a compression side damping force generating structure and an expansion side damping force generating structure.

The Examiner again raises an objection to the claims, on the basis that *JP 495* somehow teaches having separate damping force / compression force shock absorbers on either side of a damped wheel. The Applicant strenuously objects to this reading of *JP 495*, because nowhere in this reference is it taught that separate shock absorbers may be responsible for separate compression/damping force damping operations.

Likewise, the Examiner completely mischaracterized the *Sekine* reference, to the extent she finds in this reference a teaching that separate shock absorbers are exclusively responsible for respective compression and expansion damping in the *Sekine* reference. She meanwhile admits on pp. 3 and 4 of her official action that *Sekine* is silent on this point.

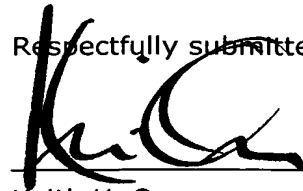
The amended claims further distinguish the cited references from the prior art. Certainly, it becomes clear at a point that the presently claimed structure for the first time shows two separate shock-absorbing devices, each with a separate function: to cut the expense down with respect to the prior requirement that each shock absorber must be capable of two-way shock-absorbing.

There is simply no teaching in the two cited references which would lead one imagine a structure where the compression / expansion characters are separated, as set out in the present claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant asserts that all of the objections have been overcome, and now respectfully requests withdrawal of those objections and an allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

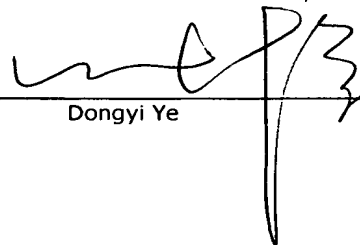


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